

Remarks

Claims 1-11 are pending in this application. The Examiner has allowed claims 1-8 and claim numbered 11. Applicants have amended claims numbered 10 and 11 to clarify the present invention. Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application.

Applicants have renumbered claims 10 and 11 as claims 9 and 10.

Applicants have amended claim 10 (original claim 11) to be an independent claim. Along these lines, Applicants have imported the text of claim 1 into claim 10. Therefore, claim 10 should still be allowable.

The Examiner rejected the claim originally numbered 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants have amended claim 10 (now claim 9) to clarify the claimed subject matter and to ensure that antecedent basis exists for all terms. Applicants submit that claim 9 complies with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph and respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

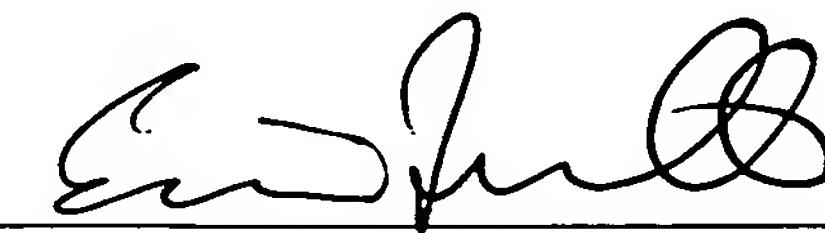
In view of the above, Applicants submit that this case is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application and early issuance of the notice of allowance.

If an interview would advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants respectfully

urge the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge fee insufficiency and credit overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

Respectfully submitted,



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